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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of) Group Art Unit: 2825
David C. Chapman) Examiner: A. Thompson
Serial No. 09/421,437)
Filed: October 19, 1999)

For: APPROACH FOR ROUTING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2001, please amend the application referenced above as indicated hereinafter. Pursuant to updated rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the amended and new claims are provided in "clean form" below and a complete set of marked up claims showing the deletions and additions in amended claims and the new claims is provided on separate pages after this amendment and response.

- Boxed Decision*
- 1 11. (AMENDED) The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein determining the routing
2 path between the first and second integrated circuit devices includes
3 identifying one or more obstacles that block the routing path,
4 determining one or more locations to employ corner clipping to provide additional
5 space for the routing path, and

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